

REMARKS

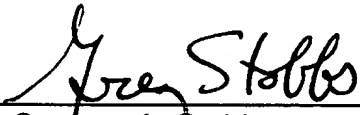
Claims 1-7, 11-22, 31 and 32 are now pending in the application.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection previously asserted during prosecution have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and deem this application now in a condition for allowance. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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